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Dear Smitty:

I am writing you mainly to ask why you did not carry the story about The Eagles this week. It was mailed to you Friday which was plenty time for your deadline.

If it is a matter of not enough space I understand, but I thought if you did not want the stories so often I would not clutter up your mail with them. I am sending all the weeklys a weekly release, which may be too much news. I will appreciate hearing from you .

I see you have a column on the mexican situation. It makes me think of the way the world war started. They let Italy jump on little Ethiopia and no one cared. The same thing happened in the baseball. I made trips to Washington, and the state department was full aware of the fact the ballplayers were being admitted to Mexico on visitors permits, which were supposed to be good for only six weeks, but they allowed them to stay on, I guess to appease the good will policy. I doubt very much if they will stop with a second baseman from Syracuse. I understand the men in Mexico who own the ballteams have as much money as the men who own the ballclubs here. If it gets to be a matter of business competition, it might be really something. Maybe now the majors will contact the state department, and get some co-operation. I hope so.

Please let me hear from you.

Very Truly Yours